

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 remain in the application.

Applicant herewith amends claim 5 and cancels claim 7. Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Advisory Action of June 17, 2004 and in conjunction with a Request For Continued Examination filed on July 1, 2004.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18, are allowable over the cited references.

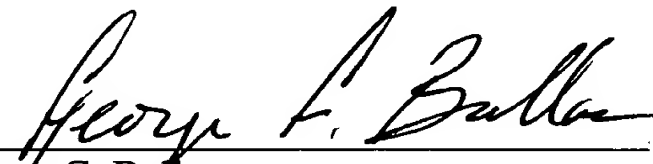
Applicant believes the foregoing arguments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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